

March 2009



**Kelvyn H. Cullimore, Jr. -
MAYOR**

Over the past month I have attended three events sponsored by the new Canyons School District. On January 29, 2009, Cottonwood Heights' residents and Canyons Board of Education members, Kim Horiuchi and Kevin Cromar, sponsored an information meeting at Brighton High School. Also attending was Superintendent David Doty along with many top officials of the new district. It was a well attended and informative event. But most impressive was the enthusiasm and excitement demonstrated by these leaders about the potential of our new district.

A few nights later, I attended a meeting at Oakwood Elementary school to inform Cottonwood Heights' residents previously living in the Granite District about the new Canyons District of which they are now a part. Once again, not only was Superintendent Doty present, but even more of the Canyons District leadership along with all the principals and some assistant

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principals of Bella Vista, Butler Middle and Brighton High Schools. It was an impressive showing demonstrating the commitment and vision these leaders share for the future of the Canyons District.

The last event was an open house at Bella Vista Elementary for these same families that had been moved from the Granite to the Canyons district. Not only were many of the district leaders again present, but teachers voluntarily came to greet the new families while Bella Vista parents warmly welcomed them and took them on tours. There was an obvious pride in not only Bella Vista, but the new Canyons District.

The participation of top district leaders in these community events is a hallmark of what can be expected in the future. These leaders not only talk the talk, but also walk the walk of wanting to have local input and to make this district responsive to its patrons. What a great beginning! The creation of this new district is one of the most exciting developments in Utah education in decades.

Unfortunately, much has

been said about how painful, complicated, and unfair the creation of the Canyons District is. With any change, especially one of this magnitude, there will be challenges a plenty. No doubt there will be mistakes made along the way and plenty of fodder for detractors. But I am convinced that not many years hence, the Canyons District will be recognized as the most progressive and responsive district in the state, setting the standard for educational excellence. My confidence is rooted in the excellent leadership that has been recruited to guide the new district.

Just as we were able to cherry pick talent for starting up Cottonwood Heights, the new Canyons District is cherry picking the best of educational leadership from districts inside and outside the state. More importantly, literally every new leader has joined the Canyons for the unique opportunity to pioneer a new district. It is this revolutionary spirit associated with visionary leaders that motivates them to take on such a challenge. Likewise, many teachers

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Chief's CORNER



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A first time drunk driving offender has on average, driven drunk 87 times prior to being arrested; and near 75% of drunk drivers whose licenses are suspended continue to drive. These are startling statistics to most drivers. Although Utah has some of the toughest drunk driving laws in the nation, they are not worth the paper they are written on if not aggressively enforced. In the United States, 3 in 10 drivers will be involved in an accident with a DUI driver

sometime in their lives. Annually 17,000 people die and another 500,000 are seriously injured by drinking drivers in the U.S. If these numbers haven't touched your life, at some time they will. Last year in Utah we had 37 DUI related deaths.

Cottonwood Heights' location as the "City between the canyons" means that many non-residents drive thru. Because my family and your families travel these same roadways, I'm passionate about traffic safety. CHPD officers have clearly adopted this same proactive philosophy and feel they save lives every time they remove a DUI from our streets. The most striking example of how we are stressing DUI enforcement is: all of last year the Sheriff's Office made 20 DUI arrests within the city. Your CHPD, in just the first five months of operation, has made 97 DUI arrests. Our goal is to remove 12 times the

number of impaired motorists as have been removed in previous years.

In Utah, a blood alcohol concentration of .08 meets the presumptive level of impairment. This equates to a 170 pound man having 3-4 beers in an hour. Utah also has a zero tolerance law for minors, since it's unlawful for a person to consume alcohol under 21 and any measurable amount of alcohol in a minor driver's blood violates the statute and carries severe consequences.

CHPD is involved in a partnership with the Utah Highway Patrol and the Utah Highway Safety Council. We have been awarded thousands of dollars in enforcement grants and for breathalyzer testing equipment.

A worrisome new trend seems to be driving while impaired on

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and classified employees share in the excitement of creating this new educational paradigm.

Regrettably, some continue to fight against the district attempting to rob it of tax base and sovereignty through new legislation. One bill introduced in this legislative session proposed to delay the start of the district for seven years. Another bill provides for separate administrations, but sharing the original tax base between the two districts, effectively transferring significant property tax proceeds from Canyons to the Jordan District.

Yet another bill sought to overturn the basic premise for creating new school districts by requiring the full district to vote on any future proposed division. That particular bill was voted down twice in committee demonstrating the legislature's continued support of local determination over majority rule. Other bills promote state-wide equalization of school building funds which could be punitive to the Canyons District. Fortunately, none appear to have enough traction to pass during this legislative session.

The decision of the arbitrators on the division of the current Jordan District assets is due any day. This is the last major hurdle

the Canyons District must cross to full implementation. I am confident the decision of the arbitrators will be fair and well reasoned.

The federal district court's ruling against Herriman city's claim that the formation of the Canyon's District was unconstitutional is still on appeal with the 10th Circuit Court in Denver, the same court that refused to grant Herriman an injunction to stop the election in the first place. It seems highly unlikely the appeals court will overturn the decision of the district court. To do so would require the appeals court to act contrary to its ruling against the original injunction petition as well as invalidate two subsequent elections sanctioned by the state legislature. While their ruling may be months away, we fully expect the appeals court will find the creation of the Canyons District passes constitutional muster.

We are 16 weeks away from launch of the new Canyons School District. Unfettered by bureaucratic tradition, the new district will be more agile in seeking its unlimited potential. There is probably more to be done than can possibly be accomplished. But we have an all star team leading the effort and come July 1st, the district will launch successfully.

Emergency Preparedness Tip for March

The Southwest Utah Public Health Department has compiled a wonderfully simple PLAN 9 guide to the essential items one needs to shelter-in-place. In the event of an emergency that has impacted one's ability to acquire food, water, medical care, etc. the following items would likely assure survival:

1. **WATER:** One gallon per person/per day, for drinking and sanitation
2. **FOOD:** A non-perishable 3 – 5 day supply per person
3. **CLOTHES:** One change of clothes and footwear per person
4. **MEDICATIONS:** Three days supply of any required prescriptions
5. **FLASHLIGHT:** At least one fully charged and bright, preferably lantern style
6. **CAN OPENER:** Be sure it's manually operated
7. **RADIO:** Battery-powered for news and weather
8. **HYGIENE ITEMS:** Basics – soap, t-paper, t-brush (NOTE: makeup is not basic)
9. **FIRST AID:** Antiseptic, gloves, bandages, non-Rx meds, etc.

For additional detail, stop by the city's community events bulletin board, just outside the city office entry door, and pick up a PLAN 9 brochure.

CORRALING A LOOSE MOOSE



City Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Tony Kassapakis helps

MARCH CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The March meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, March 3rd**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 10th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 17th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 24th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 31st**
NO COUNCIL MEETING THIS NIGHT

Councilman Don Antczak, a resident of the Butler/Cottonwood Heights area for longer than most of us have lived, said: "I've heard of deer, elk, even cougars, but I've never heard of a moose coming down into our area." The only explanation is that the word has spread about Cottonwood Heights being the "city between the canyons." Who knew that moose cell phones worked so well in the mountains.

Regardless of the reason for his visit to our Top 100 city, he garnered some national exposure on cable television. At least one cable channel ran the Cottonwood Heights' moose story, including video, a number times during the day.

For those who missed it, the marvelous animal in the attached to above photo wandered into the subdivision between Bywater Park and the Recreation Center

a couple of weeks ago. He was in the yard of a home on Westerling Way. The homeowner called CHPD and the responding officer immediately called both the State Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) and Cottonwood Heights Ordinance Enforcement Officers, John Lovato and Tony Kassapakis.

The arrival of numerous city police and animal control officers, and six officers from DWR, was only the beginning of the drama. The moose led the parade as they chased him into Bywater Park, then back out again all the way to Nuttree Drive where he finally was tranquilized by a dart from a DWR rifle. Even with the tranquilizer in him, it took three adult males to corral him and most of the men there to load him into a DWR trailer for transport back to the mountains. No comment from the moose.



EASTER

EGG HUNTS

APRIL 10th and 11th

For those who plan ahead at least a month, put April 10th and 11th on your calendar for city sponsored activities related to Easter. The second annual Teenager Flashlight Assisted Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Friday evening, April 10th at the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center Pavilion, just behind the ice rink. Following free pizza, coke, and the arrival of darkness, the hunt will begin for those who bring their own flashlights. Following the hunt all are invited inside for free ice skating.

For the children, the third annual Easter Egg Hunt will commence on Saturday, April 11th at 9 a.m. Following the children's hunt, and with the cooperation of the wind and weather, there will be kite flying demonstrations for the youngsters.

Depending on the ages of your children, plan ahead for one or both of these fun events and let the city take care of your Easter Egg duties this year.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS — Will Pick Up Soon

Construction of the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail, from beneath the northbound off-ramp of I-215 at 6200 South, to 30th East, will begin again in the near future; and the work accomplished before the snow and cold stopped the project will enable the remaining portion of the trail to be completed soon. There will be a story in either April or May's NEWS JOURNAL announcing the completion and opening of that handicapped accessible trail. Then, not long after completion of that segment, the remainder of the trail to the mouth of the canyon will get underway.

In the meantime, there are a couple of less complex projects set to be started and finished during March and April. The bridge at the bottom of the hill on Creek Road at approximately 2700 East, is set to undergo some repair. Inspection of the bridge by the City Engineer and the Public Works Director revealed the need to fill some holes and solidify the under side of the bridge. Sometime in the not too distant future, those using that section of Creek Road will be required to slow and take turns crossing the bridge as directed to one side or the other while new rails, reinforcement materials, and resurfacing are applied to the existing bridge. According to deputy city manager, Kevin Smith, "The structure of the bridge is sound; but some filling of gaps and shoring-up is needed."

A second somewhat annoying project will begin at the west end of Creek Road, where it intersects with 1300 East. Now that the Midvale half of that road, running from Fort Union Blvd., has been completed, Cottonwood Heights will resurface its half, the east side, to enhance the drivability of that short section of Union Park Avenue. Again, those who use that road will experience some inconvenience while the resurfacing of the east side is completed from Creek Road to Fort Union Blvd. Patience or planning for a different route to and from the southeast section of the valley, will make life more pleasant for all concerned.

Those who drive through the 7200 South and 1700 East intersection have already seen the new flashing lights that draw attention to the stop signs there. The city was able to save many dollars by buying the small flashing lights now installed instead of the much more expensive, lighted stop signs. Comments, pro or con, about this new safety device are appreciated either by phone to 944-7000 or by email to ksmith@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.



City Council Schedules "Town Hall Meetings"

"District Discussion" meetings have been scheduled for each of the four City Council Districts in Cottonwood Heights. Each meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Suite 300, and will be attended by the Councilman representing that district, Mayor Kelvyn H. Cullimore, Jr., City Manager Liane Stillman, and numerous staff members. Residents of each district are encouraged to attend and participate in discussions regarding the city in general and their district in particular. The agenda for each meeting will include a brief video presentation highlighting some accomplishments of the city since its incorporation four year ago. The council member representing that district will then coordinate a general discussion and respond to questions regarding the city's current status and plans for the future.

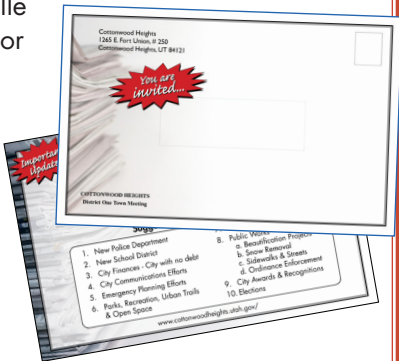
The "District Discussion" schedule is as follows:

- District #1 – Wednesday, March 25 – Councilman Gordon Thomas
- District #2 – Wednesday, April 8 – Councilman Scott Bracken
- District #3 – Wednesday, April 22 – Councilman Don Antczak
- District #4 – Wednesday, April 29, - Councilman Bruce Jones

Possible topics for discussion include:

- Public works issues such as streets, sidewalks, lights, handicap access
- Law enforcement issues dealing with the new CHPD and neighborhood needs
- Emergency services including criminal activity and fire and paramedic services
- Ordinance enforcement services such as animal control, weed removal
- Emergency planning needs and accomplishments such as EOC radio system and Netguard project
- New school district
- Municipal elections to be held this year (Mayor and Districts 3 and 4)
- City finances and 2009 – 2010 budgeting issues
- City open space efforts such as nature trails, trailheads, and parks
- City events and activities (Butlerville Days, Recreation Center, Outdoor Movies)

Residents should watch their mail for a postcard announcing their District Discussion and listing the possible discussion topics that may be unique to their district. Contact your City Council Member for additional information. www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.



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prescription drugs such as OxyContin and Lortab. We have also trained our officers to be proficient in the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of drug impaired drivers. We currently have several officers on staff certified to conduct blood draws and secure the required evidence. We also use the latest in digital technology to communicate with the District Attorney's Office and the Judges. With the new e-warrant system, using a Blackberry, a CHPD officer in the field can have an authorized search warrant to

take DNA or blood from a potential defendant in less than an hour.

If you see what appears to be a DUI driver, call dispatch at 840-4000 or simply 9-1-1 to report the activity. Remember, your seatbelt is your greatest defense against an impaired driver.

We're very proud of the remarkable impact our officers have had on DUI enforcement; and with St. Patrick's Day and Graduations coming, rest assured, we will be out in force keeping your families safe one stop at a time.



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Youth City Council Visits Legislature

One of the more valuable educational experiences for members of the Cottonwood Heights' Youth City Council was their recent visit to Capitol Hill and the opportunity to mingle with Utah Legislators for a day. While there they attended committee meetings, observed floor action and debate, and met privately and had lunch with Senator Karen Morgan and Representative Marie Poulson. The group of nineteen middle school and high school students was even invited onto the Senate floor and were allowed to surround the Senate President's chair on the dais as they had photos taken with Senator Morgan, below.



Back row, left to right, Nikos Liodakis, Erick Chen, Andy Cheng, James Zhou, Jeran Wiebke, Lindsey Searle, Emily Shelton, Kelby Peterson.

Middle row, left side, Saood Ul-Hasan, Kevin Bryant, Senator Karen Morgan (seated).

Front row, left to right, Ynessa Tran, Katherine Dew, Sarika Khanwilkar, Tina Bracken, Holly Astin, Emily Warner, Sadie Nilsson, Quinn Nilsson, Sam Harker.



Art Exhibit '09

The Cottonwood Heights' Arts Council is sponsoring an exhibit showcasing the talents and creative expression of local area artists during Butlerville Days. Residents of all ages are invited to submit an application to display their artwork.

Mediums include: oil, acrylic, watercolor, charcoal, pastel, ink, crayon, print work, photography, textiles, clay, fused glass, wood, recycled materials, and quilts. Information available at: www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.



ART EXPO AND EXHIBIT – NEW FOR BUTLERVILLE DAYS 2009

In an on-going effort to add a fresh flavor to Butlerville Days, the committee, with assistance from the newly formed Cottonwood Heights' Arts Council, will feature both art sales and exhibits (*see related article above*) at this year's event. At their most recent meeting, the city council agreed to the display and sale of handcrafted art, including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, etc.

The application for booth space for those wanting to display and sell their wares is available at www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov or at Cottonwood Heights' city offices at 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Suite 250. The application deadline is April 6, 2009 and must be postmarked by that date. A non-refundable

application fee of \$25, in the form of a Cashier's Check or Money Order, is required with the application. Booth fees are \$75 per space.

The first paragraph on the application states, "The art offered for sale in each booth must be hand-made, hand-finished, or a legally permitted reproduction of original work by the artist. The vendor may display and offer for sale only merchandise which is shown in the photographs that are part of this application. All merchandise offered for sale must have been approved by the jury selected by the Butlerville Days Committee to review this application and product photos. The jury shall have the right to disallow from display or sale any item that is not in keeping with community standards. If the vendor adds or changes any product after this

application and product photos have been submitted, new product photos must be submitted to and approved by the Butlerville Days Committee and jury prior to July 1st."

In approving this modification to the Butlerville Days format, the city council agreed that this would be a trial year for allowing the sale of goods on the Butlerville Days' grounds. Comments from residents regarding the sale of art pieces will be appreciated. Contact with city officials can best be made at: www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.

